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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 10:30 a.m. Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Communications and Technology was called to order by the Chair.

Chair Hoyenga requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Hoyenga, Griffin, Glenn, Runestad, Sheppard, Tedder, Lower, Phelps, Hertel, Jones, Lasinski.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Sheppard moved to approve the minutes from the April 24th, 2018 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the following bills before the committee:

SB 757 (Knollenberg) Occupations; alarm systems; low-voltage alarm system installation permitting; provide for.

SB 758 (Knollenberg) Construction; permits; low-voltage electric fence permitting; provide for exemption.

Michael Pate, representing Electric Guard Dog, and Mike Murray, representing Senator Knollenberg, spoke in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5670 (Whiteford) Communications; broadcasting; Michigan broadband investment act; create.

Brent Christensen, representing the Minnesota Telecom Alliance, and Representative Whiteford spoke in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Jim Pitch and Mike Vandenberg, Allegan County Township Supervisors, spoke in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Matt Groen, representing the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association, spoke with a neutral position on the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Meghan Swain, representing herself as a citizen of Fowlerville, spoke in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Township Association, spoke in support of the bill in concept.

Not wishing to speak but supporting the bill:

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Melissa Seifert, representing the Michigan Association of Retired People.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Representative Michele Hoitenga, Chair_____

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